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1. SENATOR CRANSTON'S OFFICE HAS RELAYED FROM MR. TRACY PRICE, VICE PRESIDENT OF ADRIAN WILSON ASSOCIATES WHO IS VISITING ADDRESSEE POSTS WITH SEATAI GROUP, A REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH PRESIDENTS MARCOS AND SUHARTO OR WITH "DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES". COMPANY REPORTEDLY HAS SUBSTANTIAL OPERATIONS IN BOTH COUNTRIES (CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PHILIPPINES AND SUBCONTRACT FOR HUGHES ON INDONESIAN COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT), AND IS CONSIDERING FURTHER INVESTMENT. PRICE IS INTERESTED IN MEETING SOME SENIOR LEVEL FIGURE IN EACH GOVERNMENT WHO COULD DISCUSS POLITICAL MATTERS. WOULD PREFER PRIVATE MEETING BUT AGREEABLE TO INCLUSION OF OTHERS OF SEATAI GROUP. HE WILL BE IN MANILA 12-13 AND IN JAKARTA MAY 15-16.

2. REQUEST POSTS MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS AND ADVISE. FYI. WE HAVE ADVISED CRANSTON'S OFFICE AND WILSON REP THAT PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS UNLIKELY, BUT THAT WE WOULD RELAY REQUEST, AND HOPE FOR SOME SUITABLE INTERVIEW. KISSINGER
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